

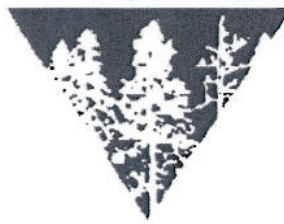
APPENDIX A.

## Scoping Comments

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## GUARDIANS



August 2, 2004

Lorraine Salas  
Bureau of Land Management  
Las Cruces Field Office  
1800 Marquess  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

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LAS**In Re: Scoping Comments on Kinder Morgan SFPP East Line Pipeline Expansion Project**

Dear Ms. Salas,

We are writing to express our concerns about the impacts of this project to the northern aplomado falcon, a species listed as Endangered under the Endangered Species Act. We are concerned about this project's potential to further diminish and fragment habitat and result in other harms to the falcon and for other federally protected or biologically imperiled flora and fauna.

Southwest New Mexico and southeast Arizona boast a diversity of native habitats which sustain native biodiversity, including highland oak-juniper canyons and hillsides, riparian valleys with cottonwood and willow habitat, rolling grassland with mountains and scrub, Chihuahuan desert, Sonoran desert, and mountain spruce and pine wilderness in the Gila National Forest.

We expect you will obtain county by county lists of special status species and analyze the impacts of this pipeline expansion project on all of these species.

We also expect you will consider in your environmental assessment an adequate range of alternatives, including the alternative of transitioning to renewable energies such as wind and solar power. In addition, we expect you will consider the environmental impacts of fossil fuel extraction and consumption, including climate change. Finally, we expect you will consider this project in the context of other ongoing land uses, including agriculture, oil and gas, mining, municipal development, road construction, off-road vehicle use, etc. In other words, we expect you to analyze the cumulative impacts from this project on native biodiversity.

Sincerely,

Nicole J. Rosmarino, Ph.D.  
Conservation Director

United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Las Cruces Field Office  
1800 Marquess  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
Ref: 1792 (03000)

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July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Dear Sir / Madam

Thank you for your letter dated July 2, 2004.

Please do not disclosed publicly my name in regards to the following comments regarding the referenced project

I am opposed to the projected pipeline for the SFPP East line Pipeline Expansion Project, as a concerned owner of a residential subdivision "Caverna Estates" in Akela that depends on water wells. Contamination of the water wells are of a deep concern to me.

Not only I am deeply opposed to this project but I am also very disturbed by the fact that the existence of the old pipeline was disclosed to me only a few months ago -

Very Sincerely



July 12, 2004

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Mr. Edwin L. Robinson  
c/o Lorraine Salas  
United States Department of Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Las Cruces Field Office  
1800 Marquess  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

Subject: 1792 (03000)  
Environmental Assessment for Kinder Morgan Project

Dear Lorraine Salas:

Please provide the El Paso Water Utilities with a copy of the environmental assessment mentioned above. The El Paso Water Utilities is very interested in the findings, since we are in the process of selling approximately 35 acres to Kinder Morgan for a fuel storage facility in Northeast El Paso, adjacent to Ft. Bliss Land, in the very near future.

If you have any questions please call me at (915) 594-5511.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juan Benavidez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" and "B".

Juan Benavidez  
Land and Contract Administrator

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**TONY R. ELIAS**  
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July 13, 2004

Lorraine Salas  
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Las Cruces Field Office  
1800 Marquess  
Las Cruces, NM 88005


**RE: SFPP, L.P./Kinder Morgan East Line Pipeline Expansion Project**

Dear Ms. Salas:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above referenced application. Upon reviewing the proposed pipeline upgrade and enhancement project it does not appear that the work is located in the counties our district serves: Lincoln, Otero, Lea, Eddy and Chaves. Segment 1 includes 6 miles on Ft. Bliss, City of El Paso Land and proceeds west. Our nearest county is Otero which appears north of the proposed site. The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments District 6 supports progress, new job creation, and enhanced efficient operations. The delivery system upgrades appear to enhance the safety and quality of the delivery system.

If you need additional information please contact me at (505) 624-6131. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Dora Batista  
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Mr. Edwin L. Roberson  
Field Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
1800 Marquess  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005  
Attn: Lorraine Salas

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Dear Mr. Roberson:

Thank you for your July 2, 2004 letter (1792 [03000]) requesting scoping comments for an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the SFPP, L.P./Kinder Morgan East Line Pipeline Expansion Project. The fact sheet you provided indicates that the proposed project would enhance and improve more than 240 miles of pipeline from west Texas through New Mexico and Arizona.

The United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC), in its review of the fact sheet and follow-up telephone contact with Mr. Regan Giese (CH2M Hill) has determined that the proposed project is remote from and will not impact upon our projects in the vicinity; therefore, we have no scoping comments for the EA. We request that you remove us from the mailing list for this project. Thank you for including us in your initial agency coordination activities, and if you or your staff have questions, please call Mr. Douglas Echlin, Environmental Protection Specialist, at (915) 832-4741.

Sincerely,

*Sylvia A. Waggoner*  
Sylvia A. Waggoner  
Division Engineer  
Environmental Management Division

cc:

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August 2, 2004

Lorraine Salas  
BLM Las Cruces Field Office  
1800 Marquess  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Re: SFPP/Kinder Morgan East Line Expansion Project  
NMGF Project No. 9465

Dear Ms. Salas:

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (Department) has received your notice of scoping for an Environmental Assessment for the above referenced project. We have reviewed the map, fact sheet and brochure which were provided. Our comments regarding NEPA scoping issues follow below.

The proposed project consists of a petroleum product pipeline system capacity increase, to be achieved through replacement of existing pipeline segments with larger diameter pipeline, and station and facility upgrades. Portions of the project are located in New Mexico, Arizona and the city of El Paso, Texas. The New Mexico portion consists of between 100 to 168 miles of pipeline across the southern portion of the state, including state, federal, city/county and private holdings.

We have enclosed with this letter the list of state threatened and endangered species for each affected county. Potential impact to those species should be addressed in the EA and associated right-of-way survey documents. We also enclose a copy of our Trenching Guideline. Open trenches and ditches can trap small mammals, amphibians and reptiles, and can cause injury to large mammals. The risk can be minimized by incorporating the Trenching Guideline into construction practices.

A reclamation plan is recommended for all short-term or long-term temporary surface disturbance. Stock-pile topsoil at the time of original construction. When the disturbed area is no longer needed, recontour the site to blend visually with surroundings, and return the drainage pattern as close as feasible to pre-existing conditions. Create furrows perpendicular to slope, if on a hillside, and seed with an appropriate certified weed-free mix of native grasses and forbs. In some cases seeding or transplant of woody species may be desirable. Follow up by monitoring to assure no development of erosion problems and successful establishment of vegetation.



Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the scoping phase for this project. The cover letter we received states that names will be removed from the mailing list for this project if the enclosed card is not returned, however no such card was enclosed. Please keep us on the mailing list for this project and notify us when the draft EA becomes available for review. We would prefer a hard copy format. If there are any questions, please contact Rachel Jankowitz at (505) 476-8159 or [rjankowitz@state.nm.us](mailto:rjankowitz@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,



Lisa Kirkpatrick, Chief  
Conservation Services Division

cc: Susan McMullen, Ecological Services Field Supervisor, USFWS  
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